

He that is angry at another man's faults, and is not angry at his own, is a hypocrite.—Bishop Wilson.

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## HILO GUESSES AT WAR NEWS AFTER WIRELESS CLOSES

Arrest of Crew of Ahlers, Refugee Ship, Gives Certain Tip to Crescent City; Men Are Brought to Honolulu Today

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)  
Hilo, Hawaii, April 9.—When the censorship shut down tight on all news from Honolulu on Friday morning last it was at once guessed that war had been declared by the United States upon Germany. When, at 9 o'clock in the morning, several automobiles filled with national guardsmen were seen making their way down to the Waialae boat landing it was a pretty good bet that they were on their way to the interned German steamer O. J. D. Ahlers, and so it turned out.

Deputy Collector of Customs Byron K. Baird had received a wireless ordering him to take over the Ahlers and to arrest the crew. He was given assistance by Col. Easton of the National Guard. The militiamen boarded the vessel and the officers and cook of the vessel were ordered to their rooms by Baird. Then ensued a long wait until very definite instructions were received from Honolulu to haul down the German flag and take the crew ashore. This was done on Friday afternoon, and the men were placed in very comfortable quarters in the Hilo jail.

One member of the crew of the Ahlers was working on a plantation in the country. He was brought to Hilo also and placed with the rest of the Germans. Food for the prisoners of war was sent in from the outside and they fared very well.

A guard of ten men still remains on board the Ahlers and they will be kept there for some time. When the Germans were taken from their ship they gave three cheers for her. There was no trouble at all in getting the men to leave the vessel.

In and around Hilo there is established a guard of special officers, who are watching the waterfronts, the federal building and other places. These men have been sworn in as special police officers and they are being paid by the county. When the appropriation was asked for by the committee of safety only one supervisor backed the proposition. He wanted to know what the appropriation was for was intended for. He was told that an ounce of prevention was worth a pound of cure and that it was the opinion of leading citizens that special officers should be placed on guard at several places. The money asked for was granted—about twice over—and the guards were at once installed.

Some time ago it was decided that as the local police force was altogether too small to provide any protection for certain properties that special guards should be obtained, especially as the governor would not allow the use of the National Guard. It was felt that Oahu with its many thousands of regular troops, its militia, its forts and its large police force, could take care of itself, but that the island of Hawaii was helpless to ward off the attacks of fanatics. It was then that steps were taken to provide against emergencies.

The wireless station at Kawaihewa was the first place to be guarded and, after that came the waterworks and other buildings and property. This step was considered to be absolutely necessary in view of what had happened in other countries as soon as war was declared.

The nine men of the O. J. D. Ahlers are proceeding to Honolulu under guard. They are pleased with the prospects of going to the capital city, although it will only be into custody there.

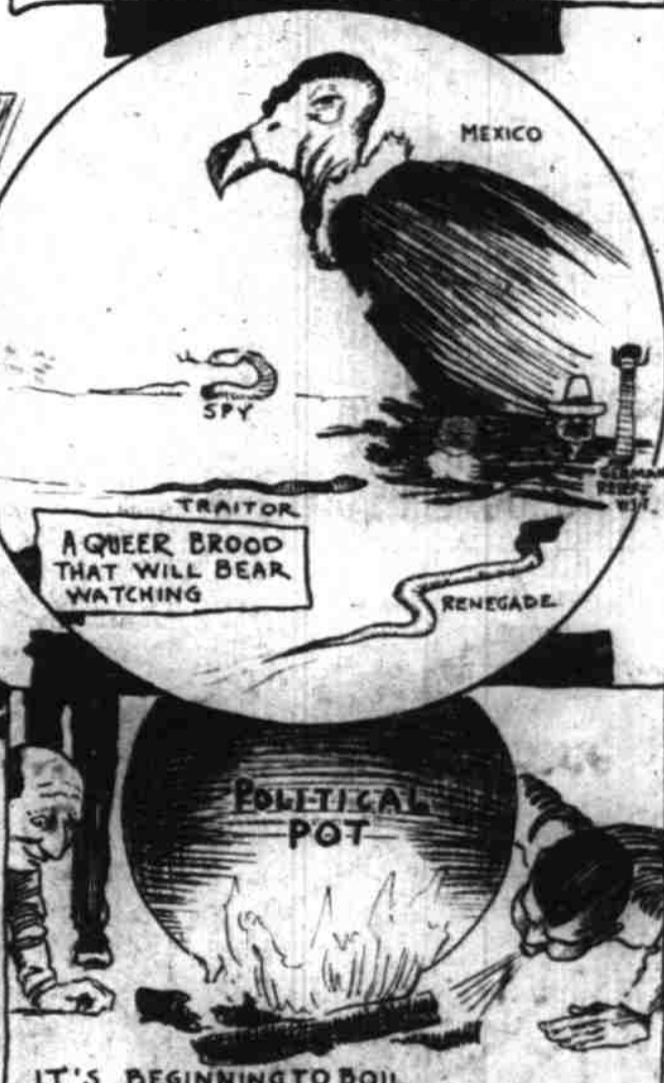
When the censorship cut off all communication with the outside world the Herald remembered that the steamship Kilaua would touch at Kawaihewa at about 2 o'clock on Saturday morning. Arrangements were then made for a special automobile that was going over to the Kohala port to catch the Mauna Kea on her trip down to Honolulu to obtain some Honolulu newspapers from the publisher of the Kilaua. This was made possible through the cooperation of several people and the good nature of Mr. E. E. McClure, the driver of the car. He met the Kilaua and after getting the papers made his way at top speed from Kawaihewa to Hilo, reaching this town at 7 in the morning. McClure made the trip from Kawaihewa to Hilo, in the dark, in four hours. The Herald was then published early on Saturday morning and all Hilo knew of the declaration of war and all other news.

Everything is quiet in Hilo and the National Guard is waiting for the word to mobilize. They are ready to the last buckle and can be mobilized at very short notice.

**IMPOSES \$25 FINE**  
The cases of Capt. G. C. Keleher and C. C. Clark, arrested on cross warrants charging reckless driving, were finished in police court Monday morning when Keleher was found guilty and fined \$25 and Clark was found not guilty and discharged. The two were in an accident last month with their automobiles. Clark was also tried on another charge of assault, which was brought up in the same case, and discharged.

New York shilling, or York shilling, is the old Spanish "real," or one-eighth of a dollar. It is about equivalent in value to sixpence, English. In the southern states it is called a bit.

## The Serious and The Comic Mingle in Summary of Last Week's Events



## PRESIDENT MENOCAL SAYS CUBA'S SUGAR LOSSES ARE EXAGGERATED

Late last month the Star-Bulletin published a sugar market maroon letter received from its New York house by Alexander & Baldwin which mentioned an estimate on the Cuban sugar crop made for Facts About Sugar by President Menocal. A copy of that paper, containing the article mentioned, was received yesterday and is as follows:

HAVANA, Cuba, March 22.—Responsive to a cable request received here on March 20, President Menocal, through his secretary, E. S. Azpiazu, has issued to Facts About Sugar the following statement:

"One hundred and twenty-eight sugar mills shipping their products from the six principal ports of Cuba, and manufacturing 60 per cent of the total sugar crop of Cuba, have never stopped operations for even a single day since the recent disorders in Cuba began. These mills are grinding now and receipts to date at the six principal ports aggregate 350,000 tons.

"Fifty-eight other mills are known to be grinding at the present time. Of these possibly ten stopped operations for a week or less during the most critical time of the recent disorders. Lack of transportation as much as any actual trouble was responsible for this condition. The government commandeered considerable rolling stock from the various railroads for military purposes, and this of course hampered

transportation facilities for a short time.

"Not a single sugar mill on the island of Cuba was damaged during the disorders. Present calculations placed the maximum of cane burned at 5,000,000 tons. This does not mean, however, that the mills are suffering from a lack of cane, as some of the cane which was included in this estimate was ground cane.

"Inasmuch as the crop estimate this year indicated a surplus of the cane supply, the loss reflected in figures is not so formidable as indicated. It is impossible to estimate accurately the losses in each province, but I can at most assure you that the only loss of consequence has been in the provinces of Camaguey and Oriente.

"The present crop net is now running about 20 per cent behind last year's output. This is explained by the fact that the grinding began late in December. The operations for January alone showed 175,000 tons less produced than for the same month last year. Inasmuch as this was long before the political troubles started no significance can be attached to this shortage other than through inevitable happenings. Speaking roughly and basing estimates on data now available I should say that the total crop this year will be above the 1915 crop and less than the 1916 crop, about 2,800,000 long tons (3,136,000 ordinary tons) in all."

## MELANCHOLY ONE SEEKS AFFINITY

Evidently infatuated with the present Hawaiian craze on the mainland, one Russell Patton of Hymara, Indiana, sized a wad of butcher paper and garrote the muse March 30 by inditing the following epistle to the Honolulu postmaster, inclosing a photograph of himself:

"Mr. Postmaster, please deliver this letter to a handsome white lady, at your convenience:

"Where the murmuring pines rear themselves titanic in a freedom of disconsolate hills. Everything peculiarly conducive to melancholy.

"Date unknown and immaterial.

"A desolate tramp is open to correspondence with girls who will send their photos.

"Age of bum between 23 and 40, and so should be the age of his correspondent.

"Yours in the shadowy and somber evening gloom,

"RUSSELL PATTON, 'Hymara, Ind.'"

The Star-Bulletin has Patton's photograph, which with the letter was turned over to this newspaper by Acting Postmaster W. C. Petersen. The photograph looks quite like the letter sounds; a Byronic appearing youth with curly hair. Those who gave the photo the "once-over" think Russell has slipped a movie hero's "naught" into the letter instead of his own phiz.

## LOSS OF OPERA HOUSE REGRETTED

In looking about for a suitable place in which to give their concert next month, the Apollo Club of Honolulu deeply regrets the loss of the Hawaiian Opera House. No other place in the city seems so well adapted to the needs of a high class concert such as they contemplate. In order to present to the best advantage the finished male chorus and glee music they are preparing, it is very essential that the auditorium combine large seating capacity with good acoustics. None of the larger theaters have the latter quality to a sufficient degree. The Hawaiian Board Auditorium on King street seems to be the best in this line and though somewhat small, will probably be selected for the performance. The only two occasions when the club has appeared, have been hailed as great successes, and have whetted the public's appetite for more.

Charles H. Boynton of New York, president of the American-Russian Chamber of Commerce, arrived at Tokyo on his way to Petrograd to promote the development of commercial relations between Russia and America after the war.

Immediate nationalization of railroad control was urged by Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the board of the Union Pacific, in testifying before the congressional committee investigating all phases of the railway problem.

The advertising columns of the Star-Bulletin represent a step towards 100 per cent efficiency that you cannot ignore at this time of national crisis.

—THE AD MAN.

## HAWAII HERALD GETS WAR NEWS BY AUTOMOBILE

In face of great difficulties, with wireless communication cut off by censorship, The Hawaii Herald gave the first authentic news of the declaration of a state of war to the people of Hilo and secured the news hours in advance of the time it would ordinarily have been received otherwise than by wireless. On Saturday, April 7, the Herald issued an extra "WAR DECLARED" gave the senate vote and other news. It told how that news was obtained in the following words:

"Once more The Herald managed, under the greatest difficulties, to give the real news to the people of the island of Hawaii. The censorship on the wireless cut us out of all touch with Honolulu and the mainland, but where there is a will there is a way—generally.

"Through the active cooperation of some very good friends of The Herald, and some speedy automobile work by E. E. McClure of the Hilo Auto Co., the Kilaua was met at Kawaihewa at 2 o'clock this morning and the latest news from Honolulu was secured. Then the genial 'Mac' dashed off for Hilo and arrived here at 7 o'clock this morning. This is going some in an automobile and McClure has shown that he is capable of handling his car, night or day, with the best professional drivers.

"The Mauna Kea tomorrow morning will bring further news of the war situation."

On Friday, when the wireless service ceased, it was assumed that a declaration of war was the occasion and the Herald, under the heading of "Undoubtedly War Has Been Declared," published the news of the closing of Mutual Wireless to commercial messages, the inferences drawn and gave all local developments as to the Ahlers and the general war situation.

## RELATIVE NOT FRIENDLY

Simple but comprehensive is a report at the police station made by Policeman A. H. Gunderson, who tells of a little family affair which occurred about 9 o'clock on Huestace street, thusly: "Frank Kohe's cousin came to his home and assaulted him by biting a piece out of his left ear and right thumb. When I arrived the cousin had made a complete getaway."

## PASSOVER FEAST TO END SATURDAY

Passover, or the Feast of Unleavened Bread, began last Friday evening at sunset, and continues for seven days. Orthodox Jews celebrate it for eight days, that is, until sunset Saturday, April 14. The feast commemorates chiefly the deliverance of the Children of Israel from their slavery to the Egyptians, and so most of the ceremonial and ritual of Passover is intended to be reminiscent of the events and circumstances of that ancient deliverance. Thus in the Temple at Jerusalem, Paschal lambs were sacrificed by their ancestors at the command of Moses before they departed from Egypt; because the Children of Israel in their haste to leave the land of bondage did not have time to permit their bread to leaven, it is the law to this very day, that during the entire Feast of Passover, nothing but unleavened bread (Mazoth) may be eaten. On the seventh day of the feast the scriptural portion read in the synagogue is the song of triumph sung by the people at the Red Sea, because this day is considered to be the anniversary of the dividing of the Red Sea.

The characteristic feature of the feast is the ceremonial meal, called the Seder, conducted on the evening of the first day. The ceremony endeavors to recall the events of the deliverance of old. The bitter herbs are eaten to indicate how bitter were the lives of the slaves in Egypt. A lamb bone is kept on the table to recall the Paschal lamb offered in Egypt and in the Temple. A pastilke, compound of nuts and fruits called "Haroseth" is eaten; this is considered to be a reminder of the mortar used in building the treasure cities for Pharaoh. Four cups of wine are drunk, because four were the expressions of redemption used in the Exodus episode. And as it is obligatory to tell the story of the Exodus every year, the youngest son of the household asks four sets of questions as to the nature of the feast, and the father answers telling the story of the Deliverance from Egypt.

In Palestine Passover also commemorates the ripening of the barley, the earliest crop, and so marks the close of the winter. Thus the general message of the feast is freedom, the freedom of nature from the thralldom of winter, and the freedom of Israel from bondage.

## ABSOLUTE POWER FOR MAYOR, COMMITTEE PLAN

In a meeting called to discuss further the city charter bill that has passed the house of representatives, the Oahu select committee from the senate yesterday afternoon showed in an informal vote that they stand for a measure that will give full power to the mayor, both to hire and to discharge.

The committee also showed favor toward the three-and-three plan of electing an even number of supervisors from the fourth and fifth districts. The vote yesterday is considered only tentative, and it is not unlikely that the final report of the committee will be considerably different.

## SEA SCOUT WILL BE FOR FISHING

For the purpose of keeping up interest in game fishing in the territory, the splendid possibilities of which were never realized until "Jimmy" Jump came to Hawaii, Young Brothers have purchased Commodore Jump's luxurious fishing launch Sea Scout from him and will use it for game fishing exclusively.

**Wants Sport Kept Going**  
Jack Young said today that Commodore Jump only sold his launch in order to keep game fishing in the islands going. Fishing tackle, equipment and everything else needed for modern anglers was "thrown in" by Jump with the boat, which cost Young Brothers \$4500. Tomorrow she will take out her first fishing party under Young Brothers' ownership.

Built at Avalon, Catalina Island, the famous Southern California game fishermen's paradise, the Sea Scout represents the last word in a fast and comfortable fishing launch. She was designed from the ideas developed by Jump, who is a sportsman of 20 years' experience angling in the briny deep. Has All Fishing Devices

The Sea Scout is a 40-footer, 11 foot beam, draws 5 feet of water, and is powered with a 20 horsepower new type Western Standard engine. She is electrically lighted throughout and has bunks for four persons. Fishing devices going with the launch include kites, sleds and other modern equipment with which to land every variety of game fish in Hawaiian waters.

**Is Only Best Here**  
"She is the only game fishing boat in the territory now, and Emil Berndt says our purchase of her from Jump is the best piece of promotion work yet, so far as keeping up game fishing in the islands is concerned," said Jack Young today. Young went out last Friday with Jump and caught a 51-pound ulua, using the "sled," a fishing device which hauls along the surface the fish used for bait.

Someone asked Young this week what he would use the Sea Scout for. He replied, "fishing."

"What else?" queried the party. "Fishing," responded Young once more.

## AGED BRITISH SAILORS RETURN TO EARLY TRADE

LONDON, Eng.—The number of old sailors who have returned to their trade after retirement, owing to the exceptional chances opened in the merchant marine wartime rates of payment, is emphasized by the number of day after encounters between small British trading ships and submarines. A Lowestoft fishing boat which was torpedoed the other day had a skipper of 68, a ship's "boy" of 82, while the ages of the other men were 64, 68, 69, 72 and 75. The crew of the three-master Mary Watkinson, which was among the month's casualties, contained eight men over 74. It is estimated that in all the British fishing fleets, a majority of the crews at present engaged are over 55.

Hot water bottles can be mended with the patches used for mending inner tubes of an automobile.

## OIL DECISION IS AGAINST SECTION SIX OF COMPANY

Other Lands for Which Honolulu Oil Company Seeks Patents Are Not Affected By Land Board's Adverse Ruling

Though adverse to the Honolulu Oil Company the decision that was rendered at Visalia, California, does not affect all of the lands to which the company is seeking title. As large stockholders here had expressed the hope and belief it affects merely that part of the holdings of the company known as "Section 6." This is confirmed by the mainland papers, which reached here yesterday.

It was on Sunday, April 1, that Associated Press despatches told of a decision adverse to the Honolulu Oil Company rendered by the land court. As published that morning it would have appeared as if the company had lost chance of securing title to any of its unpatented claims except after litigation in the federal courts and finally by decision in the affirmative by the supreme court. Next day the Star-Bulletin sought an explanation of the decision and published the surprise as to its real meaning furnished by two large stockholders. The explanation as published by this paper on that day is now shown to have been the correct one. The land affected is "Section 6," a parcel as to the title of which the officers of the company had had least confidence. It affects no other lands of the company. While a blow to the company, it is far less serious than the Associated Press report as first published indicated. The despatch that was published in the San Francisco Chronicle on Sunday, April 1, is as follows:

"Visalia, March 31.—The register and receiver of the Visalia land office today handed down a decision in favor of the government in the case of the United States vs. the Honolulu Consolidated Oil Company. The decision affects title to Section 632-21, in the heart of the Midway oil field, in Kern county, variously appraised during the progress of the hearing at from \$3,500,000 to \$10,000,000."

"The decision of the local officials is that D. M. Howell of Los Angeles, Edward Fox of San Francisco and Charles P. Clark of Bakersfield, who sold this section to the Honolulu company, obtained possession in the first place by fraud, through dummy locators. The land was originally filed on December 23, 1908, and in effect was clear-listed by the commissioner of the General Land Office on December 15, 1915, after which the government entered suit."

"The case was on trial in several counties from April 23 to October 2, 1916. This testimony covers several thousand typewritten pages and the trial cost the Honolulu company many thousands of dollars."

"According to local officials this case is of greater magnitude than any ever handled by a land office in the United States."

"Other property in the Midway field, for which the Honolulu has not succeeded in getting a patent, is not affected by the present suit. The government in this case was represented by Special Agent H. H. Mancha of San Francisco. The Honolulu Company will take an appeal."

## TAYLOR AND HALTON SHOULD BOOST TRIPS HERE DESPITE WAR

Members of the Hawaii Promotion Committee believe that with Fred J. Halton and Albert P. Taylor on the mainland boosting for tourist travel, and the Pacific safe from any attacks by German submarines tourists will continue to book passage for Hawaii.

With war declared it is their belief that the Pacific will be the safest water lane, and inasmuch as there has been no disturbance in the Pacific since war was declared between England and Germany, it is not thought that there will be any decrease in the tourist trade on that account. War conditions, and the general trend of affairs in war time will necessarily cause a slight decrease in the travel to Hawaii.

## CENSORSHIP PREVENTS SENDING MONEY BY WIRE

Because of the censorship which forbids using any code in wire messages, it is now very difficult to send or received money by wire to or from the mainland.

For their own protection banks and express companies always use code, as it would be very simple for a person to wire a bank to pay a certain sum to such and such a person. To do the latter would demand a confirmatory message.

As a result the mail is the only method of sending money left unless the sender is willing to pay the extra expense of having the order confirmed. Unless, therefore, the censorship is modified in this respect there will be little money sent or received by wire or the rates will greatly increase.

Australia seems to have an inexhaustible supply of marble, which is found there in many colors, in addition to pure white.

The King of England and the German emperor are grandsons of Queen Victoria; the queens of Greece, Norway, Spain, Rumania and the czar of Russia are granddaughters.